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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see pages 1-3, filed 11/9/06, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-8 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Tsukamoto (US Patent Application Publication #2002/0065108 A1) and in view of Vertaschitsch et al (US Patent #6,976,217 B1) and in further view of Jones, Jr. (US Patent #5,974,334).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various

claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1-2 and 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Tsukamoto (US Patent Application Publication #2002/0065108 A1)** in view of **Vertaschitsch et al (US Patent #6,976,217 B1)**.

Consider **claim 1**, Tsukamoto discloses a telephone control method for a portable information processing terminal, which comprises extracting prescribed hardware information (figures 1 and 7, paragraph 49; The telephone book storage area is used to store a telephone book including a communication party's name associated with his or her telephone number) from hardware information of said portable information processing terminal by an information processor (figure 1, paragraphs 56-58; Control Section) of said portable information processing terminal. (Figures 1 and 7, paragraphs 49-58; The control section uses a microcomputer as its main control, having functions for controlling the edition of telephone book stored in the memory section. The control section also has function for call origination/reception and creating a call origination/reception history in which a communication party's name and telephone number are associated with the origination/reception time.)

Tsukamoto fails to disclose performing telephone operation control on the basis of the hardware information thus extracted.

In related art, Vertaschitsch et al disclose a PDA that comprises a mobile radio device that provides connectivity to a cellular telephone network. A system bus carries data and commands to/from the processing unit from/to other devices with the PDA. In addition to the operating system and user-selected applications, another application, a phone device, executes on the processing unit. The PDA has interactive hardware and software functions to be configured for use with the cellular telephone capabilities of the PDA. Furthermore, Vertaschitsch et al disclose in figure 3 a PDA device that includes a mobile radio device and a phone control processor. The mobile radio device receives instructions and other control data from the phone control processor implementing those instructions and using the data so as to operate the mobile radio device. (Figures 2-3, col. 3, line 45 to col. 4, line 20, col. 5 lines 1-48)

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the teachings of Vertaschitsch et al into the teachings of Tsukamoto to improve the performance, convenience, and usability of PDA having mobile telephone capabilities.

Consider **claim 2**, Tsukamoto discloses a telephone control method for a portable information processing terminal, which comprises extracting prescribed hardware information (figures 1 and 7, paragraph 49; The telephone book storage area is used to store a telephone book including a communication party's name associated with his or her telephone number) from hardware information of said portable information processing terminal by an information processor (figure 1, paragraphs 56-58; Control Section) of said portable information processing terminal, and controlling prescribed hardware associated with the prescribed hardware

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information on the basis of the hardware information thus extracted. (Figures 1 and 7, paragraphs 49-58; The control section uses a microcomputer as its main control, having functions for controlling the edition of telephone book stored in the memory section. The control section also has function for call origination/reception and creating a call origination/reception history in which a communication party's name and telephone number are associated with the origination/reception time.) .

Tsukamoto fails to disclose controlling prescribed hardware associated with the prescribed hardware information on the basis of the telephone control information of said portable information processing terminal.

In related art, Vertaschitsch et al disclose a PDA that comprises a mobile radio device that provides connectivity to a cellular telephone network. A system bus carries data and commands to/from the processing unit from/to other devices with the PDA. In addition to the operating system and user-selected applications, another application, a phone device, executes on the processing unit. The PDA has interactive hardware and software functions to be configured for use with the cellular telephone capabilities of the PDA. Furthermore, Vertaschitsch et al disclose in figure 3 a PDA device that includes a mobile radio device and a phone control processor. The mobile radio device receives instructions and other control data from the phone control processor implementing those instructions and using the data so as to operate the mobile radio device. (Figures 2-3, col. 3, line 45 to col. 4, line 20, col. 5 lines 1-48)

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the teachings of Vertaschitsch et al into the teachings of Tsukamoto to

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improve the performance, convenience, and usability of PDA having mobile telephone capabilities.

Consider **claim 7**, Tsukamoto discloses a telephone control program product embodied on a storage portion of a portable information processing terminal and comprising code that, when said program product executed, cause said portable information processing terminal to perform a telephone control method comprising: a first step of extracting prescribed hardware information (figures 1 and 7, paragraph 49; The telephone book storage area is used to store a telephone book including a communication party's name associated with his or her telephone number) from hardware information of said portable information processing terminal by an information processor (figure 1, paragraphs 56-58; Control Section) of said portable information processing terminal (Figures 1 and 7, paragraphs 49-58; The control section uses a microcomputer as its main control, having functions for controlling the edition of telephone book stored in the memory section. The control section also has function for call origination/reception and creating a call origination/reception history in which a communication party's name and telephone number are associated with the origination/reception time), and a second step of comparing the prescribed hardware information thus extracted with the recorded telephone operation processing corresponding to the hardware information of said portable information processing terminal (figure 7, paragraphs 50 and 60-66; The call origination history storage area stores a call origination history including a call origination history flag indication presence/non-presence of a call destination's telephone number in the telephone book storage area (read as comparing the prescribed hardware information thus extracted)).

Tsukamoto fails to disclose carrying out the telephone operation control corresponding to the prescribed hardware information by the information processor.

In related art, Vertaschitsch et al disclose a PDA that comprises a mobile radio device that provides connectivity to a cellular telephone network. A system bus carries data and commands to/from the processing unit from/to other devices with the PDA. In addition to the operating system and user-selected applications, another application, a phone device, executes on the processing unit. The PDA has interactive hardware and software functions to be configured for use with the cellular telephone capabilities of the PDA. Furthermore, Vertaschitsch et al disclose in figure 3 a PDA device that includes a mobile radio device and a phone control processor. The mobile radio device receives instructions and other control data from the phone control processor implementing those instructions and using the data so as to operate the mobile radio device. (Figures 2-3, col. 3, line 45 to col. 4, line 20, col. 5 lines 1-48)

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the teachings of Vertaschitsch et al into the teachings of Tsukamoto to improve the performance, convenience, and usability of PDA having mobile telephone capabilities.

Consider **claim 8**, Tsukamoto discloses a telephone control program product embodied on a storage portion of a portable information processing terminal and comprising code that, when said program product executed, cause said portable information processing terminal to perform a telephone control method comprising: a first step of extracting prescribed hardware information (figures 1 and 7, paragraph 49; The telephone book storage area is used to store a

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telephone book including a communication party's name associated with his or her telephone number) from hardware information of said portable information processing terminal by an information processor (figure 1, paragraphs 56-58; Control Section) of said portable information processing terminal (Figures 1 and 7, paragraphs 49-58; The control section uses a microcomputer as its main control, having functions for controlling the edition of telephone book stored in the memory section. The control section also has function for call origination/reception and creating a call origination/reception history in which a communication party's name and telephone number are associated with the origination/reception time), and a second step of comparing the hardware information thus extracted and the telephone control information of said portable information processing terminal with the recorded control information associated with the hardware corresponding to the telephone control information of said portable information processing terminal (figure 7, paragraphs 50 and 60-66; The call origination history storage area stores a call origination history including a call origination history flag indication presence/non-presence of a call destination's telephone number in the telephone book storage area (read as comparing the prescribed hardware information thus extracted)).

Tsukamoto fails to disclose carrying out the control of the hardware corresponding to the telephone control information of said portable information processing terminal.

In related art, Vertaschitsch et al disclose a PDA that comprises a mobile radio device that provides connectivity to a cellular telephone network. A system bus carries data and commands to/from the processing unit from/to other devices with the PDA. In addition to the operating system and user-selected applications, another application, a phone device, executes on the processing unit. The PDA has interactive hardware and software functions to be configured

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for use with the cellular telephone capabilities of the PDA. Furthermore, Vertaschitsch et al disclose in figure 3 a PDA device that includes a mobile radio device and a phone control processor. The mobile radio device receives instructions and other control data from the phone control processor implementing those instructions and using the data so as to operate the mobile radio device. (Figures 2-3, col. 3, line 45 to col. 4, line 20, col. 5 lines 1-48)

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the teachings of Vertaschitsch et al into the teachings of Tsukamoto to improve the performance, convenience, and usability of PDA having mobile telephone capabilities.

Consider **claim 4**, and **as applied to claim 2 above**, Tsukamoto discloses the claimed invention wherein the hardware information thus extracted is a light amount state of a display portion of said portable information processing terminal and the control of the prescribed hardware is a light amount control of the display portion. (Tsukamoto: figure 1, paragraphs 47 and 55). Tsukamoto fails to disclose the telephone control information is information indicating whether a telephone call state is possible or not.

In related art, Vertaschitsch et al disclose a phone control program has operations for configuring the mobile radio device 340 to make a call, answer an incoming call, or is pre-programmed to continue ringing or other notification until a lost call signal is received from the phone control application indicating that there is no longer an incoming call. (figures 6 and 7; col. 7, line 10 - col. 9, line 12)

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the teachings of Vertaschitsch et al into the teachings of Tsukamoto to improve the performance, convenience, and usability of PDA having mobile telephone capabilities.

Consider **claim 5**, and **as applied to claim 2 above**, Tsukamoto, as modified by Vertaschitsch et al, discloses the claimed invention wherein hardware information thus extracted is a list of applications being operated of said portable information processing terminal (Vertaschitsch et al: col. 5, lines 12-17; The software includes a phone user interface, operating system, and other application, such as word processors, spreadsheets, or databases), the telephone control information is a call notification (Vertaschitsch et al: figure 6; col. 7, line 55 - col. 8, line 35; The phone control program has operations for configuring the mobile radio device 340 to make a call, answer an incoming call, or is pre-programmed to continue ringing or other notification until a lost call signal is received from the phone control application indicating that there is no longer an incoming call), and the control of the prescribed hardware is a control of finishing at least one application (Vertaschitsch et al: col. 5, lines 24-28).

Consider **claim 6**, and **as applied to claim 2 above**, Tsukamoto, as modified by Vertaschitsch et al, discloses the claimed invention wherein portable information processing terminal has a voice processing device, the hardware information thus extracted indicates the state of the voice processing device (Vertaschitsch et al: col. 10, lines 20-28; Included in the software programming of the microprocessor is a software module for implementing transferring

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audio and voice data), the telephone control information indicates whether a telephone call state is possible or not (Vertaschitsch et al: figure 6; col. 7, line 55 - col. 8, line 35; The phone control program has operations for configuring the mobile radio device 340 to make a call, answer an incoming call, or is pre-programmed to continue ringing or other notification until a lost call signal is received from the phone control application indicating that there is no longer an incoming call), and the control of the prescribed hardware is a control for transmitting voice data to the voice processing device (Vertaschitsch et al: col. 10, lines 20-28; Included in the software programming of the microprocessor is a software module for implementing transferring audio and voice data).

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Tsukamoto (US Patent Application Publication #2002/0065108 A1)** in view of **Vertaschitsch et al (US Patent #6,976,217 B1)** and in further view of **Jones, Jr. (US Patent #5,974,334)**.

Consider **claim 3**, and as applied to **claim 1** above, Tsukamoto, as modified by Vertaschitsch et al, discloses the claimed invention except for wherein the hardware information thus extracted is information on mounting/demounting of a cradle of said portable information processing terminal, and the telephone operation control is an off-hook operation or on-hook operation.

In the same field of endeavor, Jones, Jr. clearly shows and disclose as known in the art a PDA 10 having a removable handset that is positionable in both a substantially flush and a non-flush configuration, which includes a base 12 with a handset 14 removably secured within a

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cradle 16 recessed within the base (Jones, Jr.: figure 1; col. 3, lines 9-14). Furthermore, Jones, Jr. discloses a tubular shape adapter 38 that is configured to be removably secured to the base 12. The PDA has opposing first and second end portions 40a and 40b. The first end portion 40a is configured to receive the second end portion 26b of the handset 14 and removably secure the handset therein. When the adapter 38 is removably secured to the base 12 and the handset 14 is removably secured within the adapter first end portion 40a, the handset is positioned such that a user can easily grasp and remove it from the adapter 38 for use (Jones, Jr.: figure 4; col. 4, lines 30-50).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the teachings of Jones, Jr. into the teachings of Vertaschitsch and Tsukamoto et al to provide have a multi-positional PDA handset configuration.

Conclusion

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